



CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes of the April 7, 2008 Meeting



Commissioners Present: Martin David, Chair; Debi Davis; Al Silva, Vice Chair; and P.J. Vaswani

Commissioners Absent: Michelle Castro, Marwan Fawal

Staff Liaison: Pam Morrison, Staff Liaison

Visitors: Lantz Warrick, Santa Clara Chorale; Sharon Kaye, Mission City Opera; Jim Narveson, Mission City Opera and Santa Clara Players; George Doeltz, Santa Clara Players; George Rivera, Chris Chang-Weeks, Jill Myers, Preston Metcalf, & Ester Fernandez, Triton Museum of Art

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION – None.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chair David. Commissioner Davis moved to excuse Commission Castro; Commissioner Silva seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Silva then moved to excuse Commissioner Fawal; Commissioner Vaswani seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Approval of the minutes from the March 3, 2008 meeting was deferred until the May meeting, as the Commission did not have a quorum of members who were present at the March 3 meeting.
3. **Correspondence & Announcements:** Staff reviewed the correspondence received by the Commission, including an announcement from Americans for the Arts regarding its upcoming annual conference.
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Santa Clara Players.** George Doeltz and Jim Narveson, representing the Santa Clara Players, presented a funding request for the Santa Clara Player's recent production "Faith County," which was budgeted in the 2007-08 fiscal year. Commissioner Silva moved to release payment of \$1,500 to the Players; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Commissioners congratulated the Players on making a modest profit on the production.
 - b. **Presentations by Community-Based Organizations Requesting Funding for the 2008-09 Fiscal Year.** The Commission welcomed representatives from the Santa Clara Chorale, Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara Players, Mission City Opera, and Santa Clara Ballet to apply for funding for fiscal year 2008-09. Each group made a brief presentation to the Commission. Final recommendations for Council's consideration will be made at the May meeting.

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Community Group	Current Funding	2007-08 Request
Triton Museum ¹	295,000	304,800
Santa Clara Ballet	13,500	13,500
Santa Clara Chorale ²	10,500	11,000
Santa Clara Players	6,000	6,000
Mission City Opera ³	5,150	10,000
TOTALS	\$330,150	\$335,500

¹The City Manager is recommending a 3.3% increase for the Triton Museum.

²Santa Clara Chorale is requesting a 4.6% increase.

³Mission City Opera is requesting a return to their funding level of fiscal year 2002-03, which would result in a 94% increase.

5. **Unfinished Business**

- a. **“Art in the Air” Banner Display 2008 – Update.** Staff noted that one artist had raised a concern over the language in the banner contract that required the artist to relinquish all copyrights associated with the banner artwork. Staff is working with the City Attorney’s Office to revise the contract so that instead the City is granted an irrevocable license. Banners are scheduled for installation during the last week in April.
- b. **Street Dance 2008 Update.** No update.
- c. **Concerts in the Park 2008 Update.** One of the bands from 2007 contacted staff claiming that they had been promised a spot in the 2008 lineup. Commissioner Davis spoke with the band manager; the band will instead play during the 2009 concert season.
- d. **Triton Museum of Art – Report of Activities.** Commissioner Davis volunteered to serve as the Commission representative to the Triton monthly Board meetings. Staff will request to have her name added to the notification list.

6. **Commissioner Reports.** Commissioners reported on cultural activities of general interest.

7. **Public Presentations.** None.

8. **Adjournment.** As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Davis for Michelle Castro
Recording Secretary